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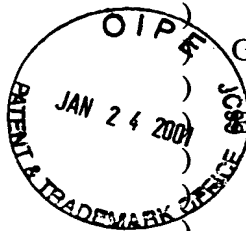
In re Patent Application of

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For: 5-ANDROSTENE-3 $\beta$ ,17 $\alpha$ -DIOL AS  
AN INHIBITOR OF TUMOR  
GROWTH



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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, and in complete response to the Official Action  
mailed April 26, 2000, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

15. (Amended) A composition of matter comprising [a tumor proliferation  
inhibiting effective amount of] 5-androstene-3 $\beta$ ,17 $\alpha$ - diol or an ester or ether thereof of the  
formula:

